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The following document is cited in the specification of the above-identified patent application:

- (1) Japanese Published Unexamined Patent Application No. (A) 10-304111 (TOSHIBA CORP), published November 13, 1998.

Applicants also wish to bring the following documents to the attention of the Examiner:

- (2) Yoshida et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,023,560, issued February 8, 2000;
- (3) Japanese Published Unexamined Patent Application No. (A) 07-221945 (CANON INC), published August 18, 1995;
- (4) Japanese Published Unexamined Patent Application No. (A) 07-221948 (CANON INC), published August 18, 1995;
- (5) Japanese Published Unexamined Patent Application No. (A) 07-288638 (CANON INC), published October 31, 1995;

(6) Japanese Published Unexamined Patent Application
No. (A) 09-149165 (MINOLTA CO LTD), published
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(7) Japanese Published Unexamined Patent Application
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